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SUBJECT: GOS REPORTS INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF PROPOSED IAEA MEETING ON NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

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- 1. MFA OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR NUCLEAR MATTERS JOHAN LIND INFORMED EMBASSY LATE JANUARY 10 THAT GOS UNDERSTANDS THAT PROPOSED IAEA FEBRUARY 28 MEETING HAD BEEN POSTPONED. HE SAID GOS DID NOT KNOW "WHEN, WHERE OR HOW" THE MATTER MIGHT BE TAKEN UP BY EKLUND IN THE FUTURE.
- 2. EARLIER ON SAME DAY, LIND HAD GIVEN EMBASSY FLAVOR OF GOS CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED FEBRUARY 28 MEETING, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS FOLLOWS:

- $(1) \ \ THE\ MFA\ WAS\ SERIOUSLY\ CONSIDERING\ EKLUND'S\ PROPOSAL;$
- (2) THE PROPOSED IAEA MEETING WAS OF "CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO SWEDEN" AT THIS TIME.
- (3) THE PROPOSED SUBJECTS FOR THE IAEA MEETING WERE THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF CONVERSATION BY LIND AND MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEIF LEIFLAND WITH ERDA AND NRC DURING

THEIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27;
(4) AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE NUCLEAR FUELS ISSUE IN
THE IAEA FORMAT WOULD BE HELPFUL EVEN IF NO AGREEMENT OR
CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED;
(5) GOS APPRECIATED THAT THE US IN IN A GOVERNMENT
TRANSITION PERIOD, "AS IS SWEDEN."

- 3. COMMENT: REFTEL INDICATES EMBASSY'S SUSPICION THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR THE PROPOSED FEBRUARY 28 MEETING UNDER IAEA AUSPICES ACTUALLY ORIGINATED WITH SWEDISH INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENT SOURCES. GIVEN LIND'S INFORMATION ON AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF SUCH A MEETING, WE FEEL THAT EKLUND AND SWEDES MAY NOW BE PERSUADED BY US REPRESENTATIONS ON TIMING PRIMARILY BUT ALSO ON FORMAT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE TO CONTINUE TO SEEK SICH A MEETING.
- 4. IN VIEW OF GOS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM AND PARTICULARLY FUEL HANDLING, REPROCESSING AND STORAGE, I SUGGEST THAT ERDA AND NRC CONSIDER SERIOUSLY PROVIDING EXPERT GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE IN THESE AREAS TO THE SWEDISH STATE POWER BOARD, THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMPANY, THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER INSPECTORATE, THE NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY COMPANY AND THE RADIATION PROTECTION INSTITUTE OF SWEDEN. I ALSO URGE THAT SPECIAL INVITATIONS BE EXTENDED TO THE 12-MEMBER ROYAL ENERGY COMMISSION TO VISIT THE US AS SOON AS THE COMMISSION COMMENCES ITS STUDIES (SEE REFTEL FOR DETAILS OF COMMISSION ESTABLISHMENT.) ALTERNATIVELY OR CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ARRANGE TO HAVE SWEDISH CONCERNS IN THESE AREAS DISCUSSED IN THE NEXT LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP MEETING IN MARCH. WHATEVER COURSE MIGHT BE CHOSEN, IT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT QUICKLY TO REASSURE THE SWEDES THAT WE SHARE THEIR CONCERN OVER THE NUCLEAR ENERGY PROBLEMS INDICATED BY EKLUND. SMITH

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